

Darts & Laurels



To CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner (USN-Ret.)—for diverting his energy from the catch-up ball game he should be managing for the US intelligence community, and instead writing an article in the August *Naval Institute Proceedings* called, "Thinking About the Future of Our Navy." The admiral *should* be thinking about the future of US intelligence.



To Admiral Turner, for his politically-warped view of history: his article reads like a paid political announcement. He wrote this, for instance, about the Navy's declining ship and aircraft strength: "What this tells us in unequivocal terms is that the Congress of the United States and the American public does not believe that the United States requires a Navy of even 12 large carriers filled with sophisticated aircraft. They are not giving us the wherewithal to maintain such a Navy." Stan, have you checked the ships which Congress has *added* to Jimmy Carter's defense budgets, compared to the ones he's *cut* from the Navy's? Don't you read the public opinion polls? And by the way, isn't the CIA Director supposed to be non-parochial on Service issues? Or is he now writing similar pieces on the Army or the Air Force?